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1. WHILE STRAIGHT TABULAR COMPARISON OF ANTI-ARMOR CAPA-
BILITIES OF US AND FRG MECHANIZED INFANTRY BRIGADES WOULD
SEEM TO INDICATE IMBALANCE, MANY OTHER FACTORS ARE INVOLVED,
E.G.: (A) COMPARISONS MUST BE MADE WITH CARE SINCE THE
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VARIOUS BRIGADES ARE ORGANIZED AND DEPLOYED DIFFERENTLY;

(B) IN US STUDIES CONDUCTED THUS FAR, MILAN AND DRAGON ARE CONSIDERED TO BE NEARLY EQUIVALENT MEDIUM ANTI-ARMOR WEAPONS (MAW); (C) ANY DISCUSSION CONCERNING FRONTAGE COVERED BY THE GERMAN AND US BRIGADES OR OTHER ALLIES SHOULD BE THAT WHICH IS REQUIRED IN NATO'S DEFENSE PLAN (WHICH IS A MUCH GREATER FRONTAGE THAN THE FIELD MANUALS RECOMMEND); (D) US STUDIES SHOW THAT US AS WELL AS ALL OTHER NATIONS DEFENDING THE CENTRAL REGION NEED ADDITIONAL TANKS AND ANTI-ARMOR WEAPONS, GIVEN THE THREAT THEY FACE AND FRONTAGE THEY HAVE TO DEFEND. IN FACT THERE ARE WAYS TO COMPARE UNITS IN WHICH US ANTI-ARMOR CAPABILITIES COULD BE PORTRAYED AS LESS THAN FRG'S.

2. THERE IS NO INTENTION TO SHOW THAT THE US HAS THE ONLY SOLUTION AND IS TRYING TO QTE SELL UNQTE IT TO NATO. OUR

GOAL IS TO IMPROVE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF MODERN ANTI-ARMOR WEAPONS IN THE CENTRAL REGION.

3. IT WOULD NOT BE FEASIBLE TO HOST A HIGH-LEVEL MEETING BETWEEN US AND FRG ARMY REPRESENTATIVES AT THIS TIME. WE PREFER THAT ANY HIGH-LEVEL MEETING BE ARRANGED AFTER THE EWG PRESENTATIONS. WE EXPECT THOSE PRESENTATIONS TO PROVIDE A FLEXIBLE AND MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE WITH ALL PARTICIPANTS, WITH AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER US VIEWS AND OBJECTIVES. RECOMMEND THAT THE DEFENSE ADVISOR MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HAVE APPROPRIATE FRG REPRESENTATIVES AT BRUSSELS TO DISCUSS WEAPONS AND ORGANIZATION WITH THE TEAM IN THE WORKING LEVEL MEETINGS THAT FOLLOW THE PRESENTATION.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE US AND FRG PRESENTATIONS WILL NOT BE GIVEN AT THE SAME MEETING. THEREFORE WE SEE LITTLE NEED FOR A COORDINATION VISIT BEFORE EWG PRESENTATION. ANY COORDINATION NECESSARY CAN BE WORKED OUT IN BRUSSELS WHEN THE US TEAM ARRIVES. HOWEVER, IF THE FRG DESIRES A PRIOR COORDINATION MEETING, IT COULD TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN 18 AND 22 MARCH.

5. THE US PRESENTATION WILL BE AS OUTLINED IN REF A. THE
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OTHER NATIONAL PRESENTATIONS SHOULD FOCUS ON WHATEVER LEVEL UNIT THE FRG AND UK DESIRE. THE PRESENTATION SHOULD BE SCHEDULED DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF APRIL - PREFERABLY 2 APRIL.

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